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RE: ARROYO SECO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ASNC)
REQUEST FOR SUPPORT TO MAINTAIN PARCEL "S" IN MONTEREY HILLS

March 23, 2021

Dear Councilmember de Leon,

This will advise that at a regularly held public meeting of the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council (ASNC) on March 22, 2021, it was moved and passed unanimously by a vote of 13-0 that the ASNC requests that you act to uphold the commitments made to the ASNC to keep "Parcel S", located at 4500 Via Marisol, Los Angeles, California 90042, open space, as your predecessor Councilmember Huizar repeatedly promised "as long as I am in office."

The Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council (ASNC) has formally requested assistance from the Councilmember in CD14 many times over the last 10+ years regarding Parcel S. During a meeting with the residents of Monterey Hills in October 2020, you stated that you supported the preservation of the land as open space.

Parcel S land was sold twice during former Councilmember Huizar's tenure. The latest sale price was \$700,000. At the time of the sale, several realtors advertised that the land would be a perfect location for a 100-unit complex.

The environmental impact on the Monterey Hills community caused by such development would be significant. The residents of Monterey Hills purchased their homes with the understanding that Parcel S would remain open space as designated in 1981 by CRA/LA in the Declaration of Restrictive Covenant, dated September 18, 1981. (See attachment). Wildlife corridors, traffic and air quality would be permanently impacted. The land has the potential for dangerous subsidence that would threaten any construction as well as the homes below on Collis Avenue.

We are confident that you can understand our concerns regarding the impact a change to zoning would cause the community as a whole. We are calling on you to help us to preserve the open space by asking the City to purchase it and designate it as park land.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Drew Paonessa
President, Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council

Lynda Valencia
Chair, ASNC Monterey Hills Local Issues Committee